

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Irene de Freitas, Don Dourado, Lenny Finney, Trish Gardner, Garrie Godkin, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, McKay, Jutta Menzies, Janet Morris, Con Mulvahill, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Kathleen Ogles, Maureen Pestell, Maureen Pollock, Yvonne Poulter, Lily Reding, Joan Reynolds, Heather Robertson, Jacky Rott, Dermot Shean, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydric, Derek Timothy Astrid Turner, Beryl Vaughan, Rita Watkins, Gloria Wood, Teresa Wiener, Anne Winzer, Cian Wright.

Anniversaries: Rose McGranaghan, Paul Crick, John Dunbar & Joseph Green.

Lately Dead: Gary Godkin, Helen O'Donovan.

GARY'S REQUIEM IS ON 10TH MAY AT 11AM AT CHIGWELL CONVENT

WANTED

Experienced Builder

Guides and Brownies are seeking advice on replacing our Storage Hut adjacent to The Becket Centre . Best solution/best cost. Please contact Diane Molloy 07795 220142 diane.s.molloy@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday 10.30am 11th May Jean Burke, Mary Charter, Dorothee Gabriel, Florence Kiggundu & Karen Webb.

SUNDAY TEAS

We are looking for someone to help with teas after 10am Mass once in 7 weeks. For more information ring Pat Bell 8504 4577 or pop in and see her after 10am Mass.

PLEASE NOTE

NO JUMBLE PLEASE TO BE LEFT IN THE CHURCH PORCH.

MARSH QUILTERS EXHIBITION

Sat. 24th June 11am—4pm Free Entry. Christ Church, Wanstead Place, Wanstead, E11 2SW

FOUND IN CHURCH CARPARK Friday 28th April @18.25

Mobile phone - please contact the parish office

Happy, kind, hardworking single mum seeking a suitable likeminded woman or single mum to flatshare in Woodford Green. £625 plus bills. Please contact 07392 820688

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'
1st Mass Sat. 6pm; 8.30am;
10am (Children's Liturgy)
11.30am
Chigwell Convent
10am
St. James URC
(Buckhurst Hill)
9am (Children's Liturgy)

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'
10am
Chigwell Convent
9.30am
Saturday 10am
(1st Weds of the month)
No morning Mass
Trinity High School
8.20am on Lower Site.

SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS
St. Thomas'
10.30am—11.30am
5.00pm—5.45pm
Chigwell Convent
After 10am Mass
BAPTISMS
1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

St Thomas of Canterbury

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE A

7th MAY 2017



The Lord is shepherd and he calls and cares for each one of us. We, too are called to be shepherds and to have a care for one another.

First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

In a loud voice Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

Christ Jesus leaves an example. Through his words we are healed.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses the images of shepherd, sheep and sheepfold to show his love for us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want

JOURNEY OF FAITH

It was great to receive 3 new members to our family at the Easter Vigil. Now we need to start immediately with the next groups of fellow-journeymen. We will start on Wednesday 24 May. We start with a question: What is it to be a catholic? That is of interest to anyone who has not at present any attachment to religion or church, to anyone who knows even a little of Jesus and wants to know more, and to anyone who is searching for some meaning in life. At present we are searching for people to come and join us. Please encourage anyone you know who might be interested.

THE JOY OF LOVE

A parish **accompanies** its various members in many different ways, through times good and bad. Everything in life moves gradually: towards healthy growth or into decline. When in Lent we met to share our deep faith and concerns we noticed the Pope's words. WE are putting them into effect in many ways. But there are gaps in our practice. At the back of the church there is a rough summary of how the reasoning went. Please read it and let me know your reactions – positive or the opposite.

THE PARISH COUNCIL meets tomorrow Monday at 8 pm. Soon the AGM will be upon us, in early July. Then we will be looking for more eager people interested to make our parish, to step into the shoes of members retiring from the Council. Our parish is good. The prevailing climate does not encourage the commitment we get from you existing workers. There are many who come to enjoy the benefits, but put little or nothing into the work required. Into which category do you fit? Give it a thought.

THE SPIRIT OF POPE FRANCIS

In our Lenten discussions we started to take this on board. It is a work only started. Just to keep the exploration moving I have sketched a summary of the main thread of the argument we discussed and developed through the three memorable evenings. The summary is on display in church. Please read it think and talk about it and let us know your reactions. The search is something we really must carry forward.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

It was great also to be with the 20 young people who received Jesus for the first time last Saturday. Everyone found the Mass warming and uplifting. That was because so many people had given so much time and effort to take their respective parts. That is only the beginning. We hear Pope Francis talking about **Accompaniment**. Obviously these young people are only at the beginning of a long journey of gradually coming to understand what Communion means, and so to learn to love Jesus. We have to accompany them in their discovery, to remember that weekly Mass is an absolute essential as a start. But then by an occasional word, by our example by encouragement when the first thrill fades we are responsible for the continual growth.

THE GENERAL ELECTION

For a brief few weeks the politicians will listen to us, just for their own purposes. It gives us a chance to tell them what we want them to do. Our church has a well-articulated programme known as Catholic Social Teaching. It is this we must bring to their notice. Telco has good strategies for getting this teaching across to prospective candidates and holding them to account. We must be active in our support.

REPOSITORY

There is a special display of appropriate gifts for our First Holy Communion recipients, some really lovely, different items - do pop in to have a look.

15th WOODFORD RAINBOWS

Volunteers needed - we meet on a Tuesday between 5.20pm to 6.20pm. We work with girls aged from 5 to 7 doing lots of different activities each week. If you think you would like to come and help please contact Janet Morris on 07803 810666

PARISH ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK FOR BCCS

Our sponsored walk for BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) is taking place this year on Sat. 17th June. Our circular walk of approx 9 miles from the Becket Centre through Epping Forest is the best supported in the Diocese and is suited for all ages. It's a great family event. This year its an earlier start time of 10am. If you would like to take part or sponsor the walk, contact David Underwood on 07905 741033.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP AGM

On Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 8pm in the Becket Centre. All welcome. Cheese and wine served after the meeting.

ST. JOHNS R.C. SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, IGS 8AX

Open Day Wed. 10th May 10am—12Noon. We cater for young people with disabilities between the ages of 5-25yrs. 020 8504 1818.

Congolese Orphanage Garden Party Sun 28th May

The Oblates of the Assumption will hold their annual Garden Party at the Convent, 20 Higham Station Avenue, on the above date. Hot meals will be served between 12.30 - 2.30pm—ALL WELCOME

MIGRANTS MASS

Sat. 20th May 2017. The 12th Migrants Mass is being hosted this year by our Diocese for the first time in St. Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate. In honour of St. Joseph the Worker the Diocese of Westminster, Southwark & Brentwood come together to celebrate the international nature of our churches, the work migrants contribute to our society, our concern for their welfare, welcome and human dignity. Banners assemble at 10.30am on the Priory Lawn, Mass begins at 11am. Bishop Alan will be celebrating the Mass. Mass begins at 11am.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

We need more printers to join the much depleted printing rota for the weekly newsletter. The machine is easy to use and tuition will be given. The printing is usually done on a Friday. If you feel you can help, please contact the parish office. We look forward to hearing from you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Parish Summer Concert will be on Saturday 1st July - featuring the Rodrigo Guitar Concerto.



QUIZ NIGHT 20th May 7.30pm

In the Becket Centre to raise funds to send two young parishioners to Lourdes with the BCYS this summer. Please call/text Margaret on 07478 868871 for tickets

TUESDAY CLUB

Meeting this Tuesday in the Becket Centre from 2pm for a talk on 'Holy Land Pilgrimage' by Barbara & Janet. ALL WELCOME